

**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT FUND**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Neighborhood Grants Program

The District's Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED) invites the submission of applications for matching grants offered through the Neighborhood Grants Program (NGP) authorized under R16-596 "Neighborhood Investment Act Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2006 Resolution of 2006."

The purpose of these funds is to provide eligible organizations with matching funds to carry out neighborhood based projects in the 12 target areas of the Neighborhood Investment Fund (NIF). The goal of the NGP is to build stronger, healthier, and safer communities by nurturing community relationships through civic action and participation.

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit 501c(3) organizations that can demonstrate a commitment to the NIF target area where the project is proposed through a successful track record of offering and operating programs, projects, services, or facilities (additional applicant eligibility requirements are listed in the Request for Applications). Eligible projects must fall into one of the following four categories: Cultural, Historic, Social, Recreational Initiatives; Education & Skill Building; Public Safety; Physical Improvements or Beautification. Proposed projects must be physically located within the boundaries of one of the NIF target areas and provide a public benefit to the target area that addresses a recognized need. Proposed projects must also involve residents of the neighborhood in all phases of project planning and implementation. Additional requirements and guidelines are detailed in the Request for Applications (RFA).

There are two levels of grants available: (1) Small & Simple: up to \$15,000 per project; and (2) Major Projects: up to \$75,000 per project. A total \$400,000 is available for this round of funding. The NGP requires a 1:1 match; matching requirements and eligible match forms are outlined in the RFA.

The Request for Applications will be released on Monday, September 18, 2006 and the deadline for submission is Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 4pm. An information session will be held on Friday, September 29, 2006 at 10am. The RFA will be available for pick up at 801 N. Capitol St. NE, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20002. A copy can also be downloaded from the ODMPED website: www.dcbiz.dc.gov or from the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development website www.opgd.dc.gov. Inquires should be directed to (202)478-1355.

NIF Target Areas: Anacostia, Bellevue, Bloomingdale/ Eckington, Brighwood/Upper Georgia Ave., Brookland/Edgewood, Columbia Heights, Congress Heights, Deanwood Heights, H Street, Logan Circle, Shaw, Washington Highlands. The boundaries for each target area are defined in the RFA. A target area map can be found at www.dcbiz.dc.gov – Neighborhood Investment Fund page.